



Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Business Impact Estimate

In accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., a Business Impact Estimate (BIE) is required to be: 1) prepared before enacting certain ordinances and 2) posted on Marion County Board of County Commissioners' website no later than the date the notice proposed enactment/notice of intent to consider the proposed ordinance, is advertised in the newspaper (which, per Section 125.66(2)(a), F.S., is ten (10) days before the Public Hearing).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) RELATED TO ARTICLE 6, TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS, DIVISION 8, LANDSCAPING

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means that the Marion County Board of County Commissioners is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance.

Notwithstanding, Marion County is preparing this BIE to prevent an inadvertent procedural issue from impacting the enactment of this proposed Ordinance. Marion County reserves the right to revise this BIE following its initial posting and to discontinue providing this information for proposed ordinances believed to be exempt under state law.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, *Florida Statutes*, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, *Florida Statutes*, relating to the *Florida Building Code*; or
 - d. Section 633.202, *Florida Statutes*, relating to the *Florida Fire Prevention Code*.

Consistent with the posting requirement set forth in Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., the County hereby publishes the following BIE information for this proposed ordinance on its website for public viewing and consideration on this **10th day of April 2026**: (Date being published)

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare): **The proposed ordinance amends the Land Development Code to update and clarify requirements applicable to new residential developments, including revisions to land use buffer classifications and buffer maintenance standards. The ordinance refines buffer categories to better reflect adjacent land use compatibility, establishes clearer design and installation requirements, and specifies ongoing maintenance responsibilities to ensure buffers remain effective over time. These updates provide consistent, predictable standards for development review and long-term compliance, while improving the functional and visual performance of required buffers. The ordinance serves the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare by promoting compatibility between differing land uses, reducing potential conflicts, and protecting residents from noise, visual impacts, and other nuisances. Clearly defined and properly maintained buffers enhance neighborhood character, contribute to environmental quality, and support community aesthetics. By establishing uniform requirements for installation and maintenance, the ordinance improves safety, ensures long-term effectiveness of buffer areas, and balances orderly growth with the protection of existing neighborhoods and the overall welfare of the community**

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in unincorporated Marion County, if any:
(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible;
(c) An estimate of Marion County regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.
This ordinance does not have a clear, direct economic impact

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: **Unknown at this time**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): **Proposed changes include updates requirements for new residential developments, land use buffer classifications, and buffer maintenance.**